



## EXPANSION

- JI received the contract for the **Local Coordinating Organization/Universal Pre-K Scope(UPK) of Work**. We are currently interviewing for the **Universal Pre-K Manager** and will post the position of Universal Pre-K Program Assistant within the month. Additionally, JI is working to determine the internal structure necessary for successful implementation of UPK, and will ask for additional FTE as part of the community plan submission at the end of the month.
- All stakeholder meeting information can be viewed on the JI website [HERE](#).

## PARTNERSHIPS

As part of the Workforce Development CIRCLE grant work, JI met with Career and Technical Education administrators from multiple school districts to coordinate early childhood pathways of qualification from high school into the field. The group determined that a collaborative grant would be useful to expand this work and plans were made for a future meeting. The top barrier that must be addressed to increase programming include having a qualified teacher who had time and capacity to teach the courses.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND INFORMAL CARE PROVIDERS

JI is expanding partnership with the **Community Cultural Collective** to host **free playgroups for children and their caregivers** at the City Auditorium. This work is aimed at expanding the network-building opportunities for Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers, by connecting them with guided playgroups, offered every Wednesday starting in October and running through February 2023. Exposure to music, early language and literacy, and high quality adult-child interactions will be the focus of these events. All families are welcome!

## ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- A total of **35 programs have signed an MOU** with JI to engage in quality improvement efforts.
- A total of **90 quality improvement coaching hours** have been provided to participating early childhood providers, focused on maintaining and/or increasing high quality practices.
- JI continues to provide **early childhood career navigation** in our community. Navigators assist professionals with reaching their career goals, accessing scholarship dollars, and removing barriers to attainment of desired qualifications.
- **Thirty-seven (37) FFNs** were engaged this year and **8** of these informal providers went on to become licensed Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs).



## JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER

Under direction of the REACH Committee, JI is continuing conversations with Shiloh House to stand up a juvenile assessment center, to offer coordinated services for youth birth-21, starting with a focus of ages 10-17. Service provision will align with identified needs and gaps in the community, with At a minimum, services will include assessments of arrested juveniles, wraparound and ISST program delivery to help meet the needs of minors assessed, respite program for families, after-school programming, and short-term all-gender shelter, as funding permits, to accommodate emergency situations. The center will also strive to include mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and short-term medical care.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

Jl on-boarded a new **Partner Coordinator** and a **Care Coordinator** this month. The hiring of these positions will allow JI to increase the number of individuals supported with the implementation of unique ISSTs and/or care plans, as well as administer assessment tools to determine a youth's internal and external assets, developmental needs, and/or risks.

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Pathways staff made a connection with **Kingdom Builders Family Life Center**, a program committed to changing the narrative of under served individuals, families, and youth who have been impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. This program serves youth that through ongoing communication may find crossover into our programming. This budding partnership has the potential to increase referrals and supports for youth and families who are in crisis in our community and has an abundance of programming inclusive of family support, educational support and mentoring.

## ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pathways has a **Planning Team** and a **Care Team** that serve youth ages birth-21.
- Pathways Planning Team served the following for July 1 – October 11, 2022:
  - 18 E-ISST** (Expedited)
  - 3 T-ISST** (Truant)
  - 3 C-ISST** (Children birth-10)
- The Pathways Care Team served the following for July 1 – October 11, 2022:
  - 19 youth** (10-17 ) with Care Coordination